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BOARD LEADERSHIP REPORT

Committee: Long Range Planning

Date & Time: 1/7/21 6pm, 1/8/21 1pm

Member reporting: Shawn Clark

Anticipated BOE Date: 1/14/21

Members present on 1/7/21 – Shawn Clark, Mark Mattison, David Poore, Lynn Rhone & Lorrie Burrows. Discussion was held regarding a change order to the contract with Ashley McGraw (AMA) to provide us with a report on what may need to be updated or replaced in the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and how we could use a capital project for that purpose. There is a difference between the 5-year plan and this. This report will be evaluating the effluent and affluent needs to review for a permit for DEC. DEC has made a change in regulation that will require us to begin disinfecting the water before it goes into the stream. Another benefit of this report is that it will provide us with cost analysis for a 5-year cost and a 15-year capital cost. It is very time consuming to meet with DEC. Per David Poore, Nick Signorelli from AMA states that it will help the process with developing schematic plans for the next capital project since the WWTP will have to be included. Lynn questioned that we already have two \$14,000 costs for a 5-year plan. The Press Box and the WWTP were not included in those. It requires a specialized engineer to do those studies. Our prior engineer that did the project the last time will not provide information to us. Per David Poore the most important thing is to have an accurate budget moving into the project. This report will provide a detailed report of what changes need to be done or updates that need to be done. Software is 10-12 years old in the WWTP. Questions were asked as to why it was not included in the original proposal from AMA since they were the architect of record back when the project was done originally. The decision was made to contact Nick Signorelli from AMA and try to have a meeting with him. That meeting was held on 1/8/21 at 1pm. Members present were Shawn Clark, Mark Mattison, David Starkey, Lynn Rhone, Lorrie Burrows, David Poore, Nick Signorelli (AMA), and Michael Fisina (AMA). The proposal is to benefit us to get more detailed information. Nick stated that the key is the company he has hired or subcontracted with does WWTP's all over. Knowing that there were problems with the last project and concerns during construction and changes made Nick felt it would be wise to get the detailed report. This will help us to get a more accurate understanding regarding the longevity of specific systems and what we can and cannot do in DEC minds. If he were to make an analogy to another kind of level of reports it would be like hiring a specialized kitchen company

to do an in-depth review and replacement schedule and cost schedule. It helps to prioritize projects. It is a very specialized report which is why they want a specialized company to do the report. Mark stated that he understands it is not the norm for schools to have WWTP's but how was this not included in the BCS or 5-year plan? Nick stated that this is a specialized report to get further detail than a BCS or 5-year plan would provide. Nick stated that it is 5 cents for high school and 5 cents for elementary per square foot. This leaves 20 cents per square foot for aidable money. Per Nick this is an addendum to the contract but more of an enhancement. If we make changes to the existing plant, we are required to get a new SPEDS permit. We will have to have an engineer help with the permit itself. On an annual basis we can just do the renewal ourselves but to submit a new one we will need an engineer. Working with EDR will give us a leg up in that process. Again, the software is 10 years old. Some of the equipment that needs to be looked at is submerged under wastewater 90% of the time. This is an aidable report at the appropriate district aid ratio.

It is the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee that we proceed with obtaining this report.